

Production cross section measurements and New isotope searches by BigRIPS separator at RIBF

--- Radioactive Isotopes produced from the ¹²⁴Xe , ⁷⁰Zn , ⁴⁸Ca, ¹⁸O, and ²³⁸U beams ----

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RI beams produced at BigRIPS

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A variety of RIs have been produced since the commissioning in 2007.





Production reactions of RI beams at BigRIPS

Projectile fragmentation

• Abrasion-ablation model



• All kinds of fragments (RI beams) lighter than projectile can be produced.

In-flight fission (of ²³⁸U)

- Abrasion fission fission $0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0$ $2^{38} \cup 9^{9} Be$ abrasion $7^{8} Ni$
 - Coulomb fission $0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 132$ Sn 238U COULEX Pb fission
- Very powerful for medium heavy neutron-rich isotopes.

These figures are based on GSI figures.



PID scheme: N. Fukuda *et al.*, NIM B 317 (2013) 323



Section 1 Production cross section of RIs produced by the projectile fragmentation



Measurements with ¹²⁴Xe beam Neutron-deficient isotopes by projectile fragmentation

- Cross section
- Momentum distribution

H. Suzuki, et al., NIMB 317, 756-768 (2013)



Yields of neutron-deficient RI beams using a ¹²⁴Xe beam at 345 MeV/u





Production rate of neutron-deficient Sn isotopes from a ¹²⁴Xe beam at 345 MeV/u

¹²⁴Xe 345 MeV/u + Be 4 mm $\Delta p/p = +/-2\%$



Production rate of ¹⁰⁰Sn is ~ 1/7 of EPAX 3.01.



Filled symbol: distribution peak is located inside the slit opening at each focus. Open symbol: distribution peak is located outside at some foci.

- Fairly good agreement between the experimental results and EPAX 3.01.
- In more neutron-deficient region and higher Z region, the experimental cross sections are smaller than EPAX 3.01 (in the case of ¹⁰⁰Sn: 1/7).



Cross section of ¹⁰⁰Sn Discrepancy between RIKEN and GSI

There is a discrepancy between the cross section of ¹⁰⁰Sn measured at RIKEN and GSI (1:8).

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	Facility	event	Cross section	Energy	Be target	
RO	RIKEN	23	0.74±0.17 pb*	345 MeV/u	4 mm	
R1	RIKEN	6	0.40±0.17 pb*	345 MeV/u	4 mm	preliminary
R2	RIKEN	12	0.71±0.21 pb*	345 MeV/u	4 mm	preliminary
R3	RIKEN	9	1.6±0.5 pb*	345 MeV/u	8 mm + W-0.2mm	preliminary
G0	GSI	259	5.8±2.1 pb	1000 MeV/u	32 mm (6 g/cm ²)	
G1	GSI	7	5 pb	1095 MeV/u	32 mm (6 g/cm ²)	
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5.76 pb (EPAX3.01)

R0 : H.Suzuki, *et al*, NIMB 317, 756-768 (2013) R1-R3: preliminary

G1 : R. Schneider, et al, Z. Phys. A 348, 241 (1994)

7.43 pb (EPAX2.15)

R3: charge striping method G0 : C.B.Hinke, *et al*, Nature (London) 486, 341 (2012)

* : Only the statistical error is described.

The systematic one is assumed to be ~ 50%.

Is this discrepancy caused by...

- Energy dependence of the projectile?
- Secondary-reaction effect in the production target?
 - RIKEN (345 MeV/u, 4 mm): ~1.16, GSI (1 GeV/u, 32 mm): ~3 (by LISE++)



The low momentum tails of the contaminant nuclei make the purity worse.

- The low-momentum tails of the neutron deficient nuclei were measured.
- The shape of the low-momentum tail is very important especially for the neutron-deficient nuclei experiment.
- We searched a tail-parameter, named "coef" in the LISE⁺⁺ calculation.



Production Mechanism

- \rightarrow Settings (Projectile Fragmentation)
- \rightarrow Momentum distribution

 \rightarrow Settings



Cf) "coef" =

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5.758 : 26-2200 MeV/u (mainly <100 MeV/u)

- O. Tarasov, Nuclear Physics A734 (2004) 536-540
- : 140-MeV/u NSCL data

O. Tarasov, private communication

1.9 : 345-MeV/u¹²⁴Xe-beam data



$B\rho$ distribution of other nuclei





$B\rho$ distribution of other nuclei



¹²⁴Xe beam + Be @ 345 MeV/u, "coef" = 1.9



Measurements with ⁷⁰Zn beam Neutron-rich isotopes by projectile fragmentation





- Overall, good agreement between the experimental cross section and the EPAX parameterizations.
- For Z < 20 region, EPAX 2.15 estimates the cross sections well. EPAX 3.01 underestimates them.
- for *Z* > 20 region, EPAX 3.01 estimates them well. EPAX 2.15 overestimates them.
- For ⁵²⁻⁵⁴Ca, the experimental cross sections are less than the EPAX 3.01 estimations.

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• There is a similar dip at ⁵²⁻⁵⁴Ca.

FIG. 9. (Color online) Production cross section versus atomic number (Z) for fragments from the reaction of ⁸²Se with beryllium targets. Lines are connected according to constant N - 2Z, while labels represent the neutron number. Reactions resulting in neutron pickup are omitted. The red dashed quadrangle is explained in the text.



Two-neutron separation energy

FIG. 8. (Color online) The two-neutron separation energy S_{2n} deduced from mass values as a function of the neutron number for calcium (top), potassium (middle), and sulfur and titanium isotopes (bottom). Those from experimental mass values [42] are shown by diamonds and those from AME2012 [43] by crossed circles. Results based on the full *pf*-shell phenomenological GXPF1B5 [29] interaction and the KTYU mass model [7] are shown by solid squares and empty triangles, respectively. Arrows show regions of isotopes whose measured cross sections are shown in Fig. 7.

O. B. Tarasov, *et.al*, PRC 87, 054612 (2013)



FIG. 10. (Color online) Two-neutron separation energy (S_{2n}) versus neutron number (N) for elements $12 \le Z \le 22$. Values are calculated using results from the GXPF1B5 [29] model. Labels in the lines show the atomic numbers of the nuclei. The red dashed quadrangle is explained in the text.



Measurements with ⁴⁸Ca beam Neutron-rich isotopes by projectile fragmentation



Yields of neutron-rich RI beams using a ⁴⁸Ca beam at 345 MeV/u

Yields [pps/100 pnA]

¹⁹ B	5.5
²² C	7.0
²² N	4000
²⁴ O	1300
³² Ne	3.4
³⁸ Mg	1.5
⁴¹ Al	0.63
⁴² Si	25
⁴⁴ S	30000



Recent ⁴⁸Ca-beam Intensity : ~400 pnA (May 2012)



Open symbols: cross sections with the correction for the secondary reaction effect in the target (only for the nuclides whose augmentation factors are more than 1.6.)

- Fairly good agreement between the experimental cross sections and EPAX 2.15.
- EPAX 3.01 underestimates the cross sections.

Modification of EPAX3 from EPAX2

The c.s. of very neutron-rich fragments from medium-mass and heavy projectile were modified, which were overestimated by EPAX2. At the same time, the good agreement of EPAX2 for the neutron-deficient side is maintained.



Measurements with ¹⁸O beam Neutron-rich isotopes by projectile fragmentation



Measured production cross sections compared with EPAX 3.01 & 2.15 (¹⁸O 230, 250, 294, 345 MeV/u + Be)





Summary for the cross sections of RIs produced by projectile fragmentation

 Production cross sections of various radioactive isotopes were measured using with the BigRIPS separator at RIBF and compared with the EPAX parameterizations.

- RIs were produced from ¹²⁴Xe (345 MeV/u), ⁷⁰Zn (345 MeV/u), ⁴⁸Ca (345 MeV/u), and ¹⁸O (230, 250, 294, 345 MeV/u).
- Neutron-deficient isotopes from $\frac{124}{Xe}$ beam at 345 MeV/u.
 - EPAX 3.01 estimates them well around the near stable region, while it overestimates them in more neutron-deficient region and higher-*Z* region.
 - The low mom. tails were measured. "coef" of 1.9 gives the best results in LISE++.
 - Discrepancy of the ¹⁰⁰Sn c. s. between the RIKEN data and the GSI data.
- Neutron-rich isotopes from $\frac{70}{2n}$ beam at 345 MeV/u.
 - EPAX parameterizations estimates the c. s. well except the very neutron-rich Ca.
 - A dip at very neutron-rich Ca isotopes was observed.
- Neutron-rich isotopes from $\frac{48}{Ca}$ beam at 345 MeV/u.
 - EPAX 2.15 estimates the c. s. fairly well.
 - EPAX 3.01 underestimates the c. s.
- Neutron-rich isotopes from $\frac{180}{2}$ beams.
 - Discrepancy was observed between the c. s and the EPAXs.



Section 2 New isotopes in the ¹²⁴Xe beam experiment

Introduction

- New isotope search → The frontier of exotic nuclei far from the stability
 Expanding of the study region
- Production of neutron-deficient nuclei : near proton drip line
 - RI-beam production from 124 Xe beam at 345 MeV/u.
 - Separation and identification at BigRIPS.
 High A/Q resolution by "trajectory reconstruction".
 - PID confirmation by known isomeric γ rays.

New i	isotope	search	at	RIBF
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Year	Beam intensity	New isotopes
2007	0.006 pnA (²³⁸ U)	2 : ¹²⁵ Pr, ¹²⁶ Pr
2008	0.2 pnA (²³⁸ U)	45 : Mn(<i>Z</i> =25) ~ Ba(<i>Z</i> =56)
2011	0.5 pnA (²³⁸ U)	>20 : <i>Z</i> ~60 (preliminary)
2011	8 pnA (¹²⁴ Xe)	NEW!!







BigRIPS settings for new isotope search

• Two settings

Setting	⁸⁵ Ru setting (<i>Z</i> =41-46)	¹⁰⁵ Te setting (<i>Z</i> =52-54)
Isotope tuned	⁸⁵ Ru ⁴⁴⁺	¹⁰⁵ Te ⁵²⁺
F0 target (mm ^t)	Be 4.03	Be 4.03
$B ho_{01}$ (Tm)	5.114	5.300
$B ho_{ m 35}$ (Tm)	4.534	4.596
F1 degrader	Al 2.85 mm ^t , 3.6 mrad	Al 2.85 mm ^t , 3.6 mrad
F5 degrader	Al 1.97 mm ^t , 1.6 mrad	Al 1.97 mm ^t , 1.6 mrad
F1 slit	$\Delta p/p$: +/-2.0%	∆ <i>p/p</i> : -2.0~+1.5%
F2 slit (mm)	+/-20	-15~+20
F5 slit	fully open	fully open
F7 slit (mm)	+/-20	+/-10
Beam intensity (pnA)	~ 7.6	~ 8.9
F3 rate (pps)	~ 40k	~ 40k
F7 rate (pps)	~ 1.5k	~ 1.0k



A/Q resolution (r.m.s.): 0.061% *Z* resolution (r.m.s.): 0.40 % @ Zr (*Z*=40) isotopes TOF(F0-F7): ~430 ns

• The known limits are shown by solid lines.

New isotopes identified in this work: ⁸⁵Ru,⁸⁶Ru, ⁸¹Mo,⁸²Mo

⁸⁵Ru setting (*Z* vs *A*-2*Q* plot)

- Full stripped events are shown in this plot.
- A is deduced from the TKE measured with SSD at F12.

85Ru: 1 86Ru: 3 81Mo: 1 82Mo: 11





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Unbound nuclei of Ru and Mo isotopes

- 46 On the line of A = 2Z-1, 45 ⁸⁷Ru, ⁸³Mo, ⁷⁹Zr: observed 44 - ⁸⁵Tc, ⁸¹Nb: absent \rightarrow There live times are short compared to the TOF 43 (~440 ns). 42 Consistent with the results by Z. Janas, et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 82, 295 (1999). 41 40 The upper limits of the half lives. Considering the yields expected relative to — 39 the neighboring isotopes. 38 Assuming the observation limit of 1 count. 1.9
- ⁸⁵Tc : 42 ns, ⁸¹Nb: 38 ns
- \rightarrow They are outside of the proton drip line.
- On the other hand, the experimental yield of the new isotopes ⁸⁶Ru and ⁸²Mo are almost the same with the expected yield.
- \rightarrow The half lives of them are long enough compared to the TOF (~440 ns)







TOF(F0-F7): ~440 ns

• The known limits are shown by solid lines.

No new isotopes in this region.



Unbound nuclei of Sb isotopes

- Upper limit : ~55ns
 - The number at F0 : 413 counts

(expected yield of ¹⁰³Sb is deduced from the ones of neighboring nuclei)

- TOF from F0 to F7 : ~440 ns
- \rightarrow ¹⁰³Sb is outside of the proton drip line.



FIG. 2. The Z distribution of heavy fragments with mass (A) and charge state (Q) corresponding to A - 2Q = 5 (e.g., ¹⁰³Sb⁺⁴⁹) in the experiment with the 63 MeV/nucleon ¹¹²Sn beam. A fit to the Z distribution, based on a "Z-response function" determined experimentally with γ -correlated events, is displayed in the inset for indium, tin, and antimony. Also the gates applied to select events belonging to these elements (keeping the contamination on a few percent level) are indicated.

¹⁰³Sb was discovered by K. Rykaczewski, *et. al.* in 1995.

(observed after TOF of 1.5 μs) K. Rykaczewski, *et al*, Phys. Rev. C, 52, R2310 (1995)





Summary on search for new isotopes around the proton-drip line

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Proton emitter

 α emitter

- New isotopes
 - Four new isotopes : ⁸¹Mo, ⁸²Mo (Z=42), ⁸⁵Ru, ⁸⁶Ru (Z=44) (NEW!!)
- Outside of the proton-drip line
 - Sb (Z=51) : ¹⁰³Sb (NEW!!)
 - Tc (*Z*=43) : ⁸⁵Tc
 - Nb (Z=41) : ⁸¹Nb



KTUY05 model (H. Koura et al, Prog. Theor. Phys. 113, 305 (2005).)

HFB-14 model (S. Goriely, M. Samyn, J.M. Pearson, Phys. Rev. C 75, 064312 (2007).)



Section 3 Production rate of RIs produced by the in-flight fission of ²³⁸U

- Be-target (Abrasion Fission)
- Pb / W-target (AF + Coulomb Fission)



LISE++ Abrasion Fission (AF) model

Three excitation energy regions (3 EERs) method

- Low excitation region: fission barrier < E^* < 40 MeV
- Middle excitation region: 40 MeV < E^* < 180 MeV
- High excitation region: 180 MeV < E^*

Parameters for ²³⁸U + Be

	Low	Middle	High
fissile	²³⁶ 92U	²²⁶ 90Th	²²⁰ 84Ra
<i>E</i> * MeV	23.5	100	250
σ mb	200	500	350

Parameters for ²³⁸U + Pb

	Low	Middle	High
fissile	²³⁸ 92	²³⁰ 90Th	²¹⁴ 84Po
<i>E</i> * MeV	17.3	100	300
σmb	2280*	500	1300

* includes coulomb fission cross section

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The parameters here are the standard ones in the LISE++ manual, and determined so as to fit the GSI cross section data

 238 U(750 MeV/u) + Be: Z=20-46, σ >~ 200 pb

M. Bernas et al., Nucl. Phys. A616(1997)352.

M. Bernas et al., Phys. Lett. B415(1997)111.

 $^{238}\text{U}(1~\text{GeV/u})$ + Pb: Z=31-59, $\sigma\!>\sim100~\mu\text{b}$

T. Enqvist et al., Nucl. Phys. A658(1999)47.

	Various setting for in-flight fission of ²³⁸ U at 345 MeV/u												eV/u				
	ISHINAsetting A B G1								G2				G3				
СЕ	N T E R Target	Target Be 7 r		nm	าท		Pb 1.5 mm		Be 5.1 mm		Be 2.9	mm		Pb + A	0.95 mm l 0.3 mm		
	B $ ho$ (Tm)		7.2	7.4	4 7.6 1% ±2%		7.0		7.902		7.99	90			7.706		
	$\Delta p/p$		±1%	±19				±0.1%		±3%		±3	%			±3%	
	Degrader		None	Non	e	None		None		F1: 1.29 mm		F1: 2 mn	.18 n		F1: 2.56 mm F5: 1.8 mm		
	F2 slit (mm)		±30	±30		±30		±50		±13.5			5.5		±15 mm		
-	Target Be 4.		Be 4.0	00 mm	0 mm Be 4.93 mm		W 0.7 mm		54t-4 Be 4.93	n	าฑ	,	W	0.7	' mm		
-	B ho (Tm)		7.3	7.306 6.950		6.950	T	6.950		6.950	7.300		6.950		C	7.300	
	Δ p/p -2		-2%/+3% -2%/+3%		·2%/+3%		—2%/+3%		±0.1%	±0.1%		±0	±0.1%		±0.1%		
Degrader		F1: 1. F5: 1.	27 mm 40 mm	F1: 1.27 mm F5: 1.40 mm			F1: 1.27 mm F5: 1.40 mm		None	None		None		9	None		
	F2 slit (mr	n)	-3	/+15	-	-4/+15		-4/+15		±120	=	±120	±:	12	0	±120	
	F7 slit (mm)		-5	/+25		±15		±15		±120		±120	± 2	12	0	±120	



Be target case Abrasion Fission

Setting	А	G1	G2	G4t-Be				
Region	Z ~ widely (20 - 54)	<mark>Z</mark> ~ 30 (20 - 36)	<mark>Z</mark> ~ 40 (37 - 49)	<mark>Z</mark> ~ 65 (57 - 69)				
Production mechanism		Abrasion fission						
Target	Be 7.0 mm	Be 5.1 mm	Be 2.9 mm	Be 4.93 mm				
B $ ho$ (Tm)	7.249	7.902	7.990	6.950				
∆p/p	±1%	±3%	±3%	-2%/+3%				
Degrader	No	F1: 1.29 mm	F1: 2.18 mm	F1: 1.27 mm F5: 1.40 mm				
F2 slit (mm)	±30	±13.5	±15.5	-4/+15				
F7 slit (mm)				±15				





- Good agreement with LISE++ calculation with Abrasion fission model around Z = 20 50.
- At *Z* > 50 region, experimental production rates are much larger than the LISE++ calculation.



 Good agreement with LISE++ calculation with Abrasion fission model around the region of Z = 20 - 50.



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• Experimental production rates are much larger than the LISE++ calculation with AF model in the region of Z > 55.





Pb / W target case Coulomb Fission + AF

Setting	В	G3	G4t-W		
Region	Z ~ wide (24 - 59)	Z ~ 50 (45 - 56)	Z ~ 65 (58 - 67)		
Production mechanism	Coulomb fission + Abrasion fission				
Target	Pb 1.5 mm	Pb 0.95 mm + Al 0.3 mm	W 0.7 mm		
B ho (Tm)	6.992	7.706	6.950		
∆р/р	±0.1%	±3%	-2%/+3%		
Degrader	No	F1: 2.56 mm F5: 1.8 mm	F1: 1.27 mm F5: 1.40 mm		
F2 slit (mm)	±50	±15 mm	-4/+15		
F7 slit (mm)			±15		





- Fairly good agreement with LISE++ calculation with "Coulomb fission + Abrasion fission".
 - Good agreement at the two peak regions ($Z \sim 38$ and $Z \sim 52$).
 - Discrepancy is seen at other regions.



Production rates of setting-G3 fragments and comparison with LISE++ predictions by CF+AF model

²³⁸U⁸⁶⁺ 345MeV/u + Pb

 $Z \sim 50$ Coulomb fission + AF



 Good agreement with LISE++ calculation with "Coulomb fission + Abrasion fission" models around the region of Z ~ 50 (higher-Z peak).



Production rate comparison between G3'-Be and G3'-Pb

These Be and Pb targets are energy-loss equivalent thick. The BigRIPS settings are the same.



• In the neutron-rich region, the production rates are almost the same in these setting.



Production rate comparison between G4t-Be and G4t-W

These Be and W targets are energy-loss equivalent thick. The BigRIPS settings are the same.



• In Z > 62 region, the production rates of the neutron-rich nuclei with Be target are larger than the ones with W target.



Summary for the cross sections of RIs produced by in-flight fission of ²³⁸U

- Neutron-rich isotopes were produced by the in-flight fission of ²³⁸U beam at 345 MeV/u and compared with the LISE++ calculation.
- Two reaction mechanism.
 - Be target: Abrasion fission
 - Pb / W target: Coulomb fission + Abrasion fission
- In Be target case (Abrasion fission).
 - At 20 < *Z* < 50 region, the LISE++ calculation estimates the production rates well.
 - At 50 < Z region, the LISE++ calculation underestimates the production rates. • We speculate that this is because the parameters of the LISE++ AF model were obtained from the cross section data in the region of Z = 20-46 (GSI experiment). The parameterization is needed to be improved incorporating data in the region of higher Z.
- ◆ In Pb / W target case (Coulomb fission + Abrasion fission).
 - At the two peak regions (32 < Z < 43 and 49 < Z < 55), good agreement was obtained.
 - We observed the discrepancy in the regions of 24 < Z < 32, 43 <~ Z <~ 49, 56 <~ Z <~
 67. These origins are under investigation.
- The production rates of the isotopes produced with Be target and heavy-Z (Pb / W) targets whose thicknesses are energy-loss equivalent were compared.
 - At Z ~ 50, the production rates of the very neutron-rich isotopes produced with Be and Pb targets are almost the same.
 - *Z* > 62, the production rates of RIs produced with Be target is larger than the one with W target.